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Need to pay your taxes now? Use IRS Direct Pay

The IRS announced a new web-based system – <u>IRS Direct Pay</u> – available on IRS.gov that lets you pay your tax bills or make estimated tax payments directly from your checking or savings accounts without any fees or pre-registration.

"IRS Direct Pay reflects our latest effort to add more online tools to provide additional service options to help taxpayers," said IRS Commissioner John Koskinen. "IRS Direct Pay simplifies the payment process, and taxpayers can make a payment from the convenience of a home computer."

More than 150,000 taxpayers have paid more than \$340 million in taxes through the new IRS Direct Pay system. With IRS Direct Pay, you receive instant confirmation that the payment was submitted, and the system is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Bank account information is not retained in IRS systems after payments are made.

From the "Pay Your Tax Bill" icon at the top of the IRS home page, you can access IRS Direct Pay, which walks you through five simple steps. The steps include providing your tax information, verifying your identity, entering your payment information, reviewing and electronically signing and recording your online confirmation.

IRS Direct Pay offers 30-day advance payment scheduling, payment rescheduling or cancellations, and a payment status search. Future plans include an option for e-mailed payment confirmation, a Spanish version and one-time registration with a login and password to allow quick access on return visits.

NOTE TO EDITOR: below are links to IRS.gov information referencing payment options.

IRS Direct Pay-- A free, quick and easy electronic payment option for federal tax debts

<u>Paying Your Federal Taxes</u>-- Find out the ways in which you can make payments to the IRS.

TUMBLR –If you have a TUMBLR account, post and share this <u>TUMBLR digital graphic</u> about IRS Direct Pay

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Direct Pay Tweets:

Check out IRS #Direct_Pay http://go.usa.gov/8Xem...Pay your federal tax securely in just 5 easy steps for free.

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